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GOVERNOR McDONALD AND SENATOR PANKEY ADDRESS CATTLEMEN IN CONVENTION HERE

"Honesty," Was Keynote of Executive, Who Made A Strong Appeal For Law Enforcement in New Mexico; Believes Open Ranges are Doomed and That Stock Business Will be in Hands of Many Small Ranchers; Pankey Told Hearers that Packers Control Prices, and that Organization is Necessary; Next Convention to Albuquerque; W. R. Morley of Magdalena Unanimously Elected President Abundant Entertainment Furnished Visitors

The second annual convention of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association adjourned Wednesday afternoon.

The second day's session of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association convened at 10 a. m. Wednesday morning. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

RESOLVED: The Executive Committee have power to elect secretary and treasurer, and fix his compensation. Also to extend the personnel of their own committee.

W. R. Morley of Magdalena, President; Victor Culbertson, of Fierro, Vice-President; Chas. Parks, W. S. Hopewell, Cole Ralston, John T. McCabe, Senator B. F. Pankey, and H. H. Royal, executive committee.

Col. Hopewell invited the convention for Albuquerque, R. Bart Orndorff, president of the El Paso chamber of commerce seconded it, as did Carl Hinton, secretary of the Silver City Chamber of Commerce, and Senator Pankey. Albuquerque was then unanimously chosen.

The convention unanimously adopted the resolutions passed by the American Livestock Association at El Paso in January. The convention also voted to assess members at the rate of 31¢ a head a year for all livestock owned by members.

The association met in a business session at 10 o'clock Tuesday in the rooms of the Adelphi Club on Gold avenue. The convention was called to order by John T. McCabe of El Paso, who is vice-president of the association. President Calvin Glen, of Pinos Altos was not present. The organization listened to and approved the reports of the advisory committee for forestry reserve, the executive committee, and the secretary and treasurer's report. It was shown that the association had paid out of its own funds \$25 each for the pelts of 110 wolves and mountain lions. The treasurer mentioned in his report that the local body has been affiliated with the American Livestock Association and has paid \$500 into the treasury of the larger association.

In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the association was addressed by Governor W. C. McDonald. "Honesty," was the keynote of his speech. The New Mexico executive took care in the beginning to explain that he did not mean to imply that cattlemen were more in need of this admonition than any other classes in the state, in fact he paid them a high compliment for the manner in which they had come forward to turn in their cattle for taxation, and for their behavior and endeavor to create better conditions through local and national association activities. In part he said:

"I do not intend to say that cattlemen are perfect—none of us are, and I believe that great good can be done through local organizations or the nature of that which I am addressing. Some have quoted me as being opposed to organization, mistaking some things I said at the first meeting of this association at Silver City. I believe in the 'cowman,' and it is evident that you have and will accomplish much through affiliation with the American association.

"Most difficulties arise through misunderstandings. I do not criticize the American Livestock Association, although I did withdraw from it for a reason I have never given. Very much is accomplished by getting together; by talking things over, and being acquainted. Deming is the largest shipping point for cattle in the state, and I am glad to see it interested in its chief industry.

"I do not criticize the railroads, though as a cattleman I have had unpleasant experiences with them. We can, however, produce more good through going to railroad officials and talking things over with them. Service, in this connection, is the most important matter. We should be willing to pay more, and insist that we

get service. Price is secondary.

"We think the markets are the chief factors in the cattle raising business. Generally, if the market is low, we blame the packer. If it is high, we give the packer no credit. The wholesale price of beef is lower now than it was a year ago. I am frank to say that I can offer no solution to this problem.

"It has been proposed to establish a packing house by the association, in competition with the private plants. This might help, but the proposal to raise \$250,000 for this enterprise shows that some have an inadequate estimation of the requirements to successfully compete. At the present time the producers are doing well. A decline in the market may not be due to manipulation on the part of the packers.

"The economic law of supply and demand rule this, as well as other industries. Special privilege cannot long sustain an industry. The government has done its best when it gives a fair opportunity to all. Poor local organization can bring better conditions in the matter of range administration.

"We are facing a changing condition in the production of range cattle in New Mexico. There is still open range in the state—possibly you have more of it than any other section. But the time is coming when it will be fenced off into pastures. This is not a bad thing. It will give stability to the industry and we will be able in the future to figure on a definite margin of profit and avoid losses due to dry years, wastage, and other ills that now afflict due to common pastures. At the present time some get rich starting with little; but the loss said of this the better. Droughts will come again.

"Our big problem is to get control of our own ranges. Some ask the federal government to lease the land; others that it be given to the state for sale or lease, and a number favor the enlarged homestead of 640 acres. Federal control of the range in the national forest reserve has proved successful and beneficial, although many cattlemen swore they would never pay the fees for lands they had been using free. It is better to reconquer ourselves to many small ranges, rather than support a few large interests. Land that was said to be worth only five cents an acre is now selling for \$3 and \$5 an acre. Can cattle growers pay the price? In my opinion it is a good investment at any price, if the money for it is paid down. Buying cattle and range on borrowed capital is speculative and liable to the ills that come through speculation.

"I believe that it is better for the state to own the land, leasing or selling it. As to the advisability of selling or leasing different opinions prevail. If the land does not enhance greatly in value, the best income is obtained through sale. I hold that owners will best improve the land and that indirectly, the stage will be benefited through a gain in taxable property and still enjoy income from the funds obtained through the sale. For similar reasons, I approve of the enlarged homestead measure now before congress. Federal lease means that the income goes to the federal government.

"The state cattle sanitary board deserves your cooperation. It is the most efficient protection for the industry and the equal of any similar board in any other state.

"Our losses through wastage are enormous and painful. Some say that every cattleman is a thief. I do not believe it, though the open range conditions allow of dishonesty and operates against honesty. At present, it may be said, a cow belongs to the man nearest it. Some men can't tell a three-months-old calf from a maverick. It has also been remarked

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Mayor Corbett III in San Antonio

Mrs. John Corbett was called to San Antonio, Texas, last Tuesday night because of the serious illness of her husband. Albert Field accompanied her. The latest report regarding Mr. Corbett's condition is more encouraging.

Ray Grayson of Lake Valley attended the sessions of the cattlemen's convention. He has regained his health after suffering from a bad case of la grippe.

Bulk chocolates—the best made at Rossers'.

Mrs. A. E. Morgan of Aden made a shopping visit to Deming today.

Reese Herndon and Mrs. F. N. Nelson of Fierro visited in the city during the cattlemen's convention.

IMPROVED ORDER RED MEN HELD ANNUAL GREAT COUNCIL HERE

Interesting Ceremonies of the Expiation of Scalping an Enemy, Burning at the Stake, and Snake Dance on Wednesday Evening.

The Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men met at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning with a full representation, all the members of the great council being present, except Q. M. P. Dempsey of Mogollon, who is the great junior saganmore. The great council admitted twelve new chiefs, making an attendance of forty-five.

On account of the tragic death of Sheriff Stephens, the great council met, and after appointing the various committees and attending to some necessary business, adjourned to attend the funeral. They reconvened again at 5 o'clock in the afternoon to make arrangements for the parade and snake dance.

At the Tuesday evening session the following officers were elected: Jesse L. Lurie of Santa Rita, great sachem; P. M. Dempsey of Mogollon, great senior saganmore; R. H. Hughes of Deming, great junior saganmore; Thomas E. Blauvelt of Hurley, great chief of records; W. G. Woerner of Knioles, great keeper of wampum; W. H. Mullane of Carlsbad, great prophet; Leon L. Godeaux of Deming, great representative. The appointive chiefs are David Flint of East Las Vegas, great guard of forests; A. M. Pontius of Deming, great lord of wigwag; Dan Hathaway of Deming, great seannep.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock the great council gave a public expiation of the burning of a palatone, and the scalping of an enemy. A big parade, which was led by the Thirteenth U. S. Cavalry band, and in which 100 red men marched in single file, dressed in the costumes of the order including war bonnets, made a very picturesque spectacle. The scene was lighted up with red fire torches. The parade marched down Gold to Railroad, thence to the corner of Pine and Gold where a platform and wigwag had been erected. Brother McDonough's shining bald pate added realism to the scene, when the false scalp was removed by the apparently keen edged knife. Then the burning of the enemy was portrayed, the braves bringing in from the crowd a very unwilling victim, who struggled much but was finally bound and burned. No less than 2,000 persons witnessed the spectacle.

Huachuca tribe is one of the live-wire fraternal orders of the city and promises Deming further entertainment.

The visiting Red Men departed for their homes Wednesday night and Thursday morning, hoping that the next great council would be held in Deming.

Escaped Prisoner Buried

Joe Cranson, the boy vagrant killed by officers in the gun fight near Rincon Sunday, was buried at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the local cemetery. W. C. Rawson had the charge of the arrangements. The father and brother of the dead boy were located in Seattle, Wash., and the burial was made by their order.

R. S. Steele of Fierro was a visitor in the city Thursday.

W. C. Simpson, Sheriff Ad Interim

W. C. Simpson has been appointed sheriff of Luna county to fill the vacancy caused by the tragic death of D. B. Stephens. The appointment was made by the county commissioners. At the present time Mr. Simpson is a deputy cattle inspector for the state cattle sanitary board.

W. E. Barnes of Tucson, general freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Company with his headquarters at Tucson, Ariz., is in the city "spreading the salve."

A. T. Coffin of Hondale attended the cattlemen's convention.

Forester A. C. Ringland of Albuquerque was in the city Wednesday.

J. R. Hartwell and Mrs. Hartwell of Silver City made a visit to Deming yesterday.

FARMERS' SHORT COURSE TO BE GIVEN IN LUNA COUNTY MONDAY

County Superintendent Grace Goebel Has Completed Arrangements For Holding Sessions in Various Rural Communities in the County.

Word has been received from Prof. A. C. Cooley of the State College that the personnel to conduct the extension short course for Luna county will arrive in Deming Monday. The first program will be given at Red Mountain. A program of varied interest has been arranged.

The farmers of the Capitol Dome section will convene early Tuesday afternoon. The program will begin at 1 o'clock. H. M. Bainer, farm demonstrator for the Santa Fe railroad, will discuss "livestock." During the afternoon and evening Messrs. John Hund, A. C. Cooley, R. L. Lavin, W. M. Ellison, S. J. Smith and others will give constructive discourses, and the school children will entertain. Luncheon will be served between the afternoon and evening program.

Wednesday afternoon the college staff will hold a session at the Waterbury school house, and Wednesday night, at Columbus. Prof. R. S. Trumbull, farm demonstrator for the Southwestern railroad, will join the forces on that day. Thursday sessions will be convened at Myndus and Cambray. Afternoon and evening programs are to be given at Old Town in the Mimbres school house on Friday.

Saturday, the last day of the course, will be spent in the Mountain View locality, beginning at 10 o'clock sharp, and continuing through the afternoon. Dinner is to be served from 12 o'clock to 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Heart of the West

"High John," Sheriff Stephens' beautiful black stallion, was raffled off here during the sessions of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association convention, bringing \$2,000. The horse is a wonderful animal and is worth every cent of the price. The money will be paid over to the family of the sheriff that lost his life Sunday in a pitched battle with bandits. The committee in charge of the raffle consisted of H. H. Williams, John Hyatt, Chris. Rathel, H. G. Bush, and Joseph G. Roseborough.

The raffle took place last evening at fifty-seven proved to be the lucky number. It was held by Frank Samuels.

J. A. Mahoney made a business trip to El Paso early in the week.

J. D. Weems of Separ, was in the city to attend the cattlemen's convention.

Mrs. Mona Morgan of El Paso, who is the state deputy for the Ladies of the Macenebes order, arrived in the last of last week. Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a get-together meeting at the Moose Hall. Mrs. Laura B. Hart of San Antonio, Texas, who is the great commander of the Ladies of the Macenebes, will be present.

H. S. Gilchrist of Silver City visited Deming Sunday.

Penslar Cold Tablets—sure cure—at Rossers'.

SHERIFF D. B. STEPHENS KILLED BY JAIL-BREAKERS NEAR RINCON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Five Desperate Men Give Battle to Posse in Arroyo Mile Northeast of Junction Point, in Which Intrepid Luna County Officer Loses Life; Deputy "Buck" Sevier Painfully Wounded in Head; One Outlaw Killed, Two Captured of Whom One is Wounded; Poses from Deming and Las Cruces Follow Fugitives Two Days and Two Nights, Losing Trail Near Grama, The Next Station on Other Side of Rincon; Masonic Funeral for Sheriff

D. B. Stephens, sheriff of Luna county, and Joe Cranson, who was serving a sentence for vagrancy in the local prison, were killed; and deputy sheriff "Buck" Sevier was painfully though not seriously wounded in the head, and J. O. Starr and C. Schmidt, both burglars, are in jail at Las Cruces, as the result of a gun battle fought in an arroyo a mile northeast of Rincon, Sunday afternoon. Starr is wounded. The battle followed a daring jail delivery earlier in the day. W. Dashiely, forger, and Francisco Acosta, murderer, are still at large.

The true facts of the gun battle in which Sheriff Dwight B. Stephens was killed became known only late Monday afternoon when those who had been eye-witnesses to the fight began to return to Deming. The stories circulated at Rincon were badly garbled, even when contributed by those who, under less stress, were in a position to furnish the facts. There were two men actually engaged in the battle whose presence was unknown to others, who were endeavoring to capture the bandits. These two men were Wayne Estes and Jack Arnold, who came upon the scene just as deputy sheriff John Kelly opened the fight from the top of the hill.

There was no road where the fight took place. The car used by the bandits had been run up a small arroyo at the base of a small hill, which figures largely in the tragedy, about one mile northeast of Rincon in the foothills. The jail breakers were eating lunch in the arroyo when they were startled into action by the sound of the cars of the pursuing officers. They sprang to the edge of the arroyo and were thereby protected to a great extent all during the battle that followed. John Kelly was the first man to discover the fugitives after arriving on top of the hill. He opened fire. Jack Arnold and Wayne Estes joined him and so did J. C. Tabor shortly afterwards.

The four kept up a steady fire and one of this party shot J. O. Starr in the leg. It was one of this party also that shot the boy, Joe Cranson, at about four hundred yards as he was attempting to escape from the arroyo.

The four men on the hill are of the opinion that the sheriff never saw any of the bandits, being almost instantly killed as he was skirting the base of the hill, not more than ten feet from the fugitives and in the same arroyo.

The desperate men were simply waiting for some of the officers to come around the hill. They shot "Buck" Sevier in much the same way, although he was on much higher ground and saw and yelled at the escaped prisoners before he was struck. The bandits were above both Sevier and Stephens. This accounts for the fact that the fatal ball passed through the sheriff's right arm at the shoulder, ranging down to the heart. It is thought that the empty shell in his gun was due to a discharge caused by his fall. The bandits were firing up the hill and down the arroyo, almost at right angles. The sheriff lay in plain sight of the party on the hill.

From the hill top they saw Sevier fall, but could not see his body afterwards and concluded that he was dead. The bandits could reach his body under cover and this they did, securing his rifle. He remembers the bandits standing over him and remarking: "We have killed the big and the little fellow."

Under the shelter of the embankment, the bandits found it easy to scatter without coming into view of the men on the hill. It was an indiscretion on the part of the boy Joe Cranson that caused him to become a mark for their gun. About 25 shots were exchanged.

Believing the bandits still under the embankment, Jack Arnold and

John Kelly decided to lie quietly and keep watch while Tabor and Estes went to Rincon for assistance. When the first message came from them neither knew that after leaving the hill, Sevier had fully regained consciousness and had stumbled bleeding to the place where the automobiles had been halted. An hour after the fight Sevier, with a handkerchief tied around his head and fortified by a drink of water, came stumbling up the hill calling for assistance. Jack Arnold went at once to him. A man on horseback, who chanced to pass, was halted, and the journey to Rincon was begun. Sevier's companions holding him on the horse. They were overtaken by an automobile and reached Rincon in a short time, where the wound was dressed. Sevier has only a hazy idea of what happened after he was struck by the bullet.

The bandit who had been shot in the leg surrendered and was taken to Las Cruces by John Kelly, Wayne Estes and Morris Nordhaus, the latter arriving shortly after the fight. This party returned to Deming.

Sheriff Felipe Lucero, of Dona Ana county, arrived in Rincon at 11 o'clock Sunday night and early Monday morning held a council with H. G. Bush and Clyde Earl Ely. Sheriff Lucero decided he would take only the men he could mount. He selected Adolpho Sainz, of Las Cruces, W. C. Simpson, J. C. Tabor, and Ed Hall for his own posse. He sent his brother, deputy sheriff Jose Lucero, of Las Cruces, with Manuel Penn toward Las Cruces, he believing Francisco Acosta to have taken that route. He did not know of the taking of Schmidt, the only man that had fled in that direction. He led his men toward the Rincon mountains having had definite knowledge that two of the fugitives were headed in that way. It was afterwards learned that Acosta and Dashiely, the latter having been the brains of the party, had taken this route. They quickly picked up their trail.

It will be remembered that D. B. Stephens and a posse engaged in a gun fight with the Gates gang near the Gila farms in Socorro county four years ago, when the gang was delivered from the Deming jail by their friends. At that time three Deming citizens were killed.

Sheriff Stephens was respected and liked by wrong-doers all along the border. His courage was unquestioned, and when he started after outlaws it was always put down as a certainty that there would be a fight to a finish. He has made Luna county one of the places to be avoided by those not wishing to come within the realm of the law.

He is survived by his widow and four small children. His father and mother made their home with him. His death has cast a gloom over the community. Citizens have congregated for the past few days, expressing their mutual sadness at the loss to the community.

The bodies of Sheriff Dwight B. Stephens and Joe Cranson were brought to Deming Monday morning over the Santa Fe from Rincon. A post mortem revealed that the bullet from a 30-40 rifle had penetrated the sheriff's heart.

The funeral of Dwight B. Stephens, sheriff of Luna county, who was killed in a battle with escaped prisoners Sunday afternoon near Rincon, was held at 3 p. m. Tuesday from his late residence.

The funeral was conducted by Deming Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M., under the direction of Grand Master of Masons of the State, Amos W. Pollard, and Edw. Pennington, chaplain.

It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Deming, and was attended by practically the entire community.

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